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Re:n Identification No. C00024349~

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Dear Mr. Gibson:~

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First, let me apologize for the delay in responding to your letter dated April 16, 2003. Unfortunately, that letter did not come to my attention in a timely manner, and our response has been inexcusably delayed. We have now, however, had the opportunity to review the concerns raised by you and your staff and are able to offer the following response. ~

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The designations contained in our September monthly report (8/1/02 to 8/31/02) for the Daschle campaign were clerical errors. Senator Daschle stands for re-election in 2004. These contributions should have been designated to go to the primary and general 2004. Our report will be amended to reflect this change. ~

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As to Members Blumenauer, Lipinski and Walden there were clerical errors in our August (7/1/02-7/31/02), September (8/1/02-8/31/02) and October (9/1/02-9/30/02) filings. Each of these filings should have been designated for the general election. We have initiated contact with each of these campaigns asking that they either re-designate to the appropriate fund(s) or refund our contributions. Copies of our letters to the campaigns will be provided to your office under separate cover. Once these campaigns have either re-designated or refunded the contribution, we will immediately amend our report(s).~

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The October (9/1/02-9/30/02) report including a contribution to the Friends of Max Baucus campaign reflects another clerical error. The Alaska Airlines PAC contributed to both the general and primary campaign funds but reversed the designations in our reports to the FEC. A contribution on May 21, 2002 (pre-primary) was designated as going to the general election, and a contribution on September 27, 2002 (post-primary), was designated as going to the primary. The order should have been reversed. Once again, we are contacting the campaign to ask that it to re-designate in order to correct the clerical error (a copy of that request will be sent to your office). Upon confirmation from the campaign of the re-designation, our report to the FEC will be amended.~

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I trust these actions are satisfactory to the Federal Election Commission. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.~

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Sincerely,~

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Treasurer~

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